

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6A, the Board of Pharmacy hereby amends Chapter 3, “Pharmacy Technicians,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment identifies the technical functions that may be delegated by a supervising pharmacist to a pharmacy technician trainee or an uncertified pharmacy technician and clarifies that the functions that are identified in Chapter 5 that may be delegated to a pharmacy support person may also be delegated to a pharmacy technician.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of these rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 29, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9297B**. The Board received no written comments regarding the proposed amendment. The adopted amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

The amendment was approved during the March 8, 2011, meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

This amendment will become effective on June 22, 2011.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6A.

The following amendment is adopted.

Amend rule 657—3.22(155A) as follows:

657—3.22(155A) Technical functions. At the discretion of the supervising pharmacist, the following technical functions, in addition to any of the functions authorized for a pharmacy support person pursuant to 657—Chapter 5, may be delegated to a pharmacy technician as specified in the following subrules.

3.22(1) Certified pharmacy technician. Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a certified pharmacy technician may perform technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b. Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber’s office.
- c. Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d. Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e. Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f. Inspect drug supplies provided and controlled by an Iowa-licensed pharmacy but located or maintained outside the pharmacy department, including but not limited to drug supplies maintained in an ambulance or other emergency medical service vehicle, a long-term care facility, a hospital patient care unit, or a hospice facility.
- g. Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- h. Prepackage or label multidose and single-dose packages of drugs, including dose picks for unit dose cart or AMDS fills for hospital or long-term care facility patients.
- i. Perform drug compounding processes for nonsterile compounding as provided in 657—Chapter 20.
- j. Perform drug compounding processes for sterile compounding as provided in 657—Chapter 13.
- k. As provided in rule 657—3.24(155A), accept new prescription drug orders or medication orders communicated to the pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber’s agent.

3.22(2) *Pharmacy technician trainee and uncertified pharmacy technician.* Under the supervision of a pharmacist, a pharmacy technician trainee or an uncertified pharmacy technician may perform only the following technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist:

- a.* Perform packaging, manipulative, or repetitive tasks relating to the processing of a prescription or medication order in a licensed pharmacy.
- b.* Accept prescription refill authorizations communicated to a pharmacy by a prescriber or by the prescriber's office.
- c.* Contact prescribers to obtain prescription refill authorizations.
- d.* Process pertinent patient information, including information regarding allergies and disease state.
- e.* Enter prescription and patient information into the pharmacy computer system.
- f.* Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.
- g.* Prepackage or label multidose and single-dose packages of drugs, including dose picks for unit dose cart or AMDS fills for hospital or long-term care facility patients.
- h.* Under the supervision of a pharmacist who provides training and evaluates and monitors trainee competence in the compounding processes, perform drug compounding processes for nonsterile compounding as provided in 657—Chapter 20.
- i.* Under the supervision of a pharmacist who provides training and evaluates and monitors trainees, and contingent on successful completion of appropriate media fill testing processes, perform drug compounding processes for sterile compounding as provided in 657—Chapter 13.

~~3.22(3) *Uncertified pharmacy technician.*~~ ~~Under the supervision of a pharmacist, an uncertified pharmacy technician may perform technical functions delegated by the supervising pharmacist limited to the following:~~

- ~~*a.* Select the appropriate stock supply of a prescription drug from the pharmacy drug supply shelves to process a prescription drug order.~~
- ~~*b.* Count dosage forms of prescription drugs into appropriate prescription vials or containers pursuant to prescription drug orders. Uncertified pharmacy technicians shall not prepackage or label multidose and single-dose packages of drugs, including dose picks for unit dose cart or AMDS fills for hospital or long-term care facility patients.~~
- ~~*c.* Affix required prescription labels upon any container of drugs sold or dispensed pursuant to the prescription of an authorized prescriber.~~
- ~~*d.* Return or place stock supplies of prescription drugs in the appropriate locations on the pharmacy drug supply shelves.~~

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